

What is Claimed is:

1. An electronic message management system comprising:
 - an information selection device that identifies an electronic message based on one or more sender-independent message-based rules; and
 - 5 an electronic message management device that at least one of selects and integrates the electronic message into a digest or samples the electronic message.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a digest management device that delivers the digest to a predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.
- 10 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising an information sampling device that delivers the sampled electronic message to a predetermined destination based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.
4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a rule management device that manages the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.
- 15 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a sender-based selection criteria.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.
- 20 7. A method for managing electronic message comprising:
 - identifying an electronic message based on one or more sender-independent message-based rules; and
 - 25 at least one of selecting and integrating the electronic message into a digest or sampling the electronic message.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising delivering the digest to a predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.
9. The method of claim 7, further comprising determining and updating the digest based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.
- 30 10. The method of claim 7, further comprising delivering the sampled electronic message to a predetermined destination based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a sender-based selection criteria.

5 12. The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.

13. An information storage media comprising information that manages electronic messages comprising:

10 information that identifies an electronic message based on one or more sender-independent message-based rules; and

information that at least one of selects and integrates the electronic message into a digest or samples the electronic message.

14. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that deliver the digest to a predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.

15 15. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that determines and updates the digest based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

20 16. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that delivers the sampled electronic message to a predetermined destination based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

25 17. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a sender-based selection criteria.

18. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.

19. An electronic message management system comprising:

30 a data selection system that identifies at least one electronic message from a plurality of electronic messages based on a sender based rule; and

an electronic message management system functionally associated with the data selection system, the electronic message management system adapted to communicate the at least one electronic message into a file.

20. The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the data selection system samples the plurality of electronic messages.

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